

**Mansfield Board of Education Special Meeting
July 9, 2013 Minutes**

Attendees: Mark LaPlaca, Chair, Randy Walikonis, Vice-Chair, Martha Kelly, Secretary, April Holinko, Jay Rueckl, Carrie Silver-Bernstein,
Absent: Susannah Everett, Katherine Paulhus

Mr. LaPlaca called the special meeting to order at 5:30

The Board received the recommendation of the Mansfield Democratic Town Committee that Sarah Lacombe be appointed to the Board.

Ms. Everett arrived at 5:37

Ms. Lacombe spoke about her qualifications and desire to fill the vacancy and answered questions from Board members.

MOTION by Mr. Rueckl that Sarah Lacombe be appointed to the BOE to fill a vacancy until the November 2013 municipal elections. Seconded by Ms. Silver-Bernstein. VOTE: 7-0 unanimous in favor.

Ms. Lacombe was invited to participate in the meeting but not eligible to vote until sworn in by Town Clerk

Mr. LaPlaca appointed Ms. Lacombe to the Personnel Committee and Mr. Walikonis to the Finance Committee.

The Board discussed the Superintendent's recommendations on reducing the 2013-14 budget by \$100,000 as mandated by the Town Council.

MOTION by Mr. Walikonis to accept the reductions to the 2013-14 budget as recommended by the Superintendent. Seconded by Mr. Rueckl. VOTE: 7-0 unanimous in favor.

MOTION by Ms. Holinko to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing strategy with respect to collective bargaining. Seconded by Mr. Walikonis. VOTE: 7-0 unanimous in favor.

The Board was joined by Ms. Lacombe in executive session.

Superintendent Baruzzi arrived and joined the Board in executive session at 6:00.

The Board returned to open session at 6:10pm.

MOTION to adjourn by Ms. Everett at 6:11pm. Seconded by Ms. Holinko VOTE: 7-0 Unanimous in favor

Martha Kelly, Secretary